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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

Agenda

The provisional agenda for the session, as circulated to the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board on 23 January 1996, is reproduced in Section I above.

Organization of work

The organization of work of the session, approved by the Bureau of the Board on 23 January 1996, is annexed hereto. Under rule 61 of its rules of procedure the Board may establish a Committee of the Whole to deal with the substantive preparations for the ninth session of the Conference. In this regard, the opening plenary meeting, on 26 February 1996, will be concerned essentially with item 2. The remainder of the items will be taken up at the final plenary meeting on 29 March 1996.

Documentation

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| TD/B/EX(12)/1 | Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work |

Item 2 Preparatory process for the ninth session of the Conference

Establishment of the Committee of the Whole

In accordance with a decision taken by the Trade and Development Board at its eighteenth special session, the Board will launch the preparatory process for the ninth session of the Conference by establishing an open-ended Committee of the Whole, to meet under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.

Mandate of the Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole will be entrusted with elaborating the substantive pre-Conference text for transmittal to the Conference, taking into account:

- Item 8 of the provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Conference, together with the agreed annotations to that item and the annexed background note by the UNCTAD secretariat;
- The Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the ninth session of the Conference;
- The reports of the Regional Ministerial Meetings and other regional and national contributions, including the outcome of topical seminars;

- General Assembly resolution A/50/103, of 20 December 1995, which calls upon the Conference to take into account the outcome of the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Term Global Review on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

- Board decision 433 (S-XVIII), of 15 December 1995, on the review of recommendations of subsidiary bodies on their future work programmes, as well as on some institutional follow-up, particularly in relation to the substantive contents of the pre-Conference text;

- Recommendations 431 (S-XVIII), adopted by the Board on 15 December 1995, with regard to the final design of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD, including the number, names and mandates of individual bodies to be determined in the light of the decisions taken on the substantive contents of the pre-Conference text.

The Committee of the Whole will also consider any other relevant matters which it deems necessary to be addressed as part of the preparatory process for the Conference.

At its closing plenary meeting, on 29 March 1996, the Board will consider and take action on the outcome of the Committee of the Whole.

## Timetable for the Committee of the Whole

A proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee of the Whole is annexed to the present document. The Board may wish to decide that the time-table should be considered as flexible, and subject to adjustment by the Committee in the light of developments.

## Documentation

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| TD/B/42(1)/L.1 | Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Conference |
| TD/B(S-XVIII)/3 | Report of the Trade and Development Board on its eighteenth special session |
| TD/366 | Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to the ninth session of the Conference |
| TD/B/LDC/GR/8 | Report of the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Term Global Review on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s |
| TD/B/42(2)/11-UNCTAD/1996 | The Least Developed Countries 1996 Report |

Documentation (cont'd)

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| AS/MM/77(VIII)/1/Rev.1 | Amman Final Documents |
| LA/MM/77(VIII)/1 | Caracas Declaration |
| - | Report of the African Ministerial Meeting (Addis Ababa) |
| - | Other regional or national contributions |
| - | The outcomes of topical seminars |

Item 3 Recommendation of the Trade and Development Board to the Conference concerning the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

At its eighteenth special session, the Board mandated the Vice-President, Mr. Henri Reynaud (France), to chair informal consult tions on the preparations for the review by the Conference of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), and to report to the twelfth executive session of the Board on this subject in February/March 1996.

The Board will take up this item at the final plenary meeting of the session on 29 March 1996.

No pre-session documentation

Item 4 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Item 4(a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

The present membership of UNCTAD is 188 and is as reflected in TD/B/EX(12)/CRP.2.

Depending on the outcome of the informal consultations of the Vice-President (cf. item 3 above), the Board may be in a position to take action with regard to those States which have become members of UNCTAD since the seventh session of the Conference and which have not been placed in any of the lists annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX). The States concerned, together with the present composition of the lists, are indicated in the annex to TD/B/EX(12)/CRP.2.

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| TD/B/EX(12)/CRP.2<br>pages 2-3 | Membership of UNCTAD |

Item 4(b) Membership of the Trade and Development Board

At present, 141 States members of UNCTAD are members of the Board.

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| TD/B/EX(12)/CRP.2 pages 4-5 | Membership of the Trade and Development Board |

Item 4(c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

A list of the 104 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in TD/B/IGO/LIST/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

At its twelfth executive session, the Board will be invited to consider an application from the International Copper Study Group (ICSG).

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| TD/B/IGO/LIST/1 and Corr.1 & Add.1 | List of IGOs in status with UNCTAD |
| TD/B/EX(12)/R.2 | Application by the International Copper Study Group |

Item 4(d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

At present there are 165 NGOs in status with UNCTAD (79 in the General Category and 86 in the Special Category).

At its twelfth executive session, the Board will be invited to consider an application from the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).

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| TD/B/NGO/LIST/1 and Add. 1 | List of NGOs in status with UNCTAD |
| TD/B/EX(12)/R.1 | Note by the UNCTAD secretariat |
| TD/B/EX(12)/R.1/Add.1 | Application by the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) |

Item 4(e) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

Any administrative and financial implications emanating from the work of the session will be brought to the attention of the Board.

Item 5 Other business

Participation of experts in UNCTAD intergovernmental meetings

In its decision 432 (S-XVIII), of 15 December 1995, the Board requested the President of the Trade and Development Board to initiate informal consultations, in the context of the substantive preparatory process for UNCTAD IX, on the question of the participation of experts in UNCTAD intergovernmental meetings and requested the UNCTAD secretariat to update its note "Financial implications of providing travel assistance from the regular budget to experts from developing countries, notably LDCs" (TD/B/EX(7)/L.1). The Board further requested statistical information on the participation, including financing, of experts in UNCTAD meetings post-Cartagena.

At its meeting on 23 January 1996, the Bureau of the Board designated Mr. Javier Paulinich (Peru) to conduct, on behalf of the President of the Board, the informal consultations called for in Board decision 432 (S-XVIII), and to report on the outcome of his consultations to the twelfth executive session of the Board.

Item 6 Report of the twelfth executive session of the Board

The draft report on the proceedings of the opening plenary meeting of the session will be before the Board at its closing meeting on 29 March 1996.

In accordance with past practice, the Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to complete the report, as appropriate.

ANNEX

Calendar for the preparatory process of UNCTAD IX and related documentation */

The Bureau approved a schedule for the preparatory for UNCTAD IX, the main lines of which are as follows:

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| Monday, 26 February (a.m.) | - | Opening plenary of twelfth executive session of the Board: establishment of the Committee of the Whole |
| Monday, 26 February (p.m.) to Thursday 29 February | - | Committee of the Whole (Phase 1): Review and exchange of views on documentation presented to Board, with a view to providing the Secretary-General with necessary elements for the drafting of a pre-Conference policy-oriented text. (Text to be made available to delegations by Monday, 4 March) |
| Monday, 11 March to Friday 15 March | - | Committee of the Whole (Phase 2): Attempt to achieve broad consensus on the pre-Conference text |
| Monday, 25 March to Friday 29 March (a.m.) | - | Committee of the Whole (Phase 3): Finalization of work on the pre-Conference text |
| Friday, 29 March (p.m.) | - | Closing plenary of the twelfth executive session of Board |

*/ Approved by the Bureau of the Board at its meeting on 23 January 1996.